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- 64 **Comprehensive Revision of State Personal Income: Revised Estimates for 1969–98 and Preliminary Estimates for 1999**

On May 17, 2000, BEA released revised estimates of State personal income for 1969–99 that incorporated the results of the most recent comprehensive revision of the NIPA's, newly available benchmark source data, and improved methods for preparing the State estimates. In general, the State estimates were revised up, reflecting several major improvements that were introduced into the national estimates. This release represents a speedup of nearly 6 months in the availability of State personal income estimates that are consistent with the recently revised NIPA estimates.

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- 1 **Business Situation**

Real GDP increased 5.4 percent in the first quarter of 2000 after increasing 7.3 percent in the fourth quarter of 1999; the price index for gross domestic purchases increased 3.2 percent after increasing 2.3 percent. Corporate profits increased \$34.5 billion (3.8 percent at a quarterly rate) in the first quarter. The Federal Government current surplus increased \$74.1 billion, to \$186.3 billion, and the State and local government current surplus decreased \$12.1 billion, to \$56.7 billion.

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Comprehensive Revision of Local Area Personal Income. The results of a comprehensive revision of the estimates of local area personal income for 1969–98 were released on June 15 and will be published in the July *Survey*. The revised estimates will incorporate the results of the recent comprehensive revisions of the NIPA's and of State personal income, the improvements in the source data and the methods for the local area estimates, and newly available data from regular sources.

Travel and Tourism Satellite Accounts. An article that updates the U.S. travel and tourism satellite accounts to 1997 will be published in the July *Survey*. The updated accounts, which will be based on the 1996 annual input-output accounts, will show the growth in tourism expenditures and the output of tourism industries.



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